

Regular meeting of the City Council
Austin, Texas, January 1st, 1900.
Hon: Jno: D. McCall, Mayor, presiding;
Roll called
Present, Alderman Morris and Stumpf. 2,
Absent, Alderman Durstewitz, Fischer, Glass, Mortimer and Noland 5.
On motion of Alderman Morris the Council adjourned until 7:30.
O'Clock, P.M. Thursday Jan'y 1st, 1900.

Jno. O. Johnson
City Clerk.

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Roll called.
Present: Alderman Durstewitz, Fischer, Glass, Morris, Mortimer, Noland and
Stumpf. 7
Absent; None.
On motion the minutes were approved, as recorded by the Clerk without
reading.

Petitions Memorials, etc.

By Alderman Glass, Petition of A. McGilvary, asking, permission to
play pipe in certain Streets and Alleys of the City.
Read and on motion referred to the Street Committee.

Reports of City Officers.

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City officers
for the month of Dec: 1899, which were on motion referred to their
appropriate Committees without reading.

The following is a synopsis of the reports.

By the Assessor and Collector.

His Collections as follows.

From "Good Revenue Tax

License	\$ 1,583.39.
Taxes in Mayor's Court.	1,079.00.
" Bond fees and sales.	902.50
" Penalty, Rent & Cost (of taxes)	36.35.
Total Govt. funds.	2,591.14.
Bal + Winding, found State and Light bonds	3,103.35.
" " old bonds.	1,031.58.
Total " " "	911.46.
School taxes.	2,721.73.
	\$ 11,604.11

Total Collection.

Referred to Finance Committee.

By the City Clerk.

Total amount of warrants issued during the month against the General fund. \$ 12,176.99.

Referred to Finance Committee.

By the City Treasurer.

Account General fund.

Balance Dec: 1st. 1899.	\$ 39,993.95
Rec'd from C & G. during the month	4,973.35
Transferred from High School Bond acct:	35,000.00
Warrants paid during the month. 39,761.79.	
Balance Dec: 31st. 1899.	\$ 39,985.37
	\$ 79,696.66
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Account of Earnings Fund.

Balance Dec: 1st. 1899.	\$ 6,951.01
Rec'd from Sub. Patterson during the Month.	6,361.35
Paid Warrants during the Month. 9,987.97.	
Balance Dec: 31st. 1899.	\$ 2,617.39
	\$ 12,605.99
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Account of Int: & Sinking funds, old bonds.

Balance Dec: 1st. 1899. Cash	\$ 3,374.13
Six Mt L. Bonds	6,000.00
Rec'd during the month from C & G.	<u>193.35</u>
Balance Dec: 31st. 1899.	\$ 9,567.58

Account of Int: fund Mater & Light bonds.

Balance Dec: 1st. 1899.	\$ 1,997.93
Rec'd during the month from C & G.	<u>1,057.37</u>
Balance Dec: 31st. 1899.	\$ 2,750.30

Account of Sinking fund Mt L. bonds.

Balance Dec: 1st. 1899.	\$ 3,061.79
Rec'd during the month from C & G.	582.99
Twenty High School Bonds.	<u>10,000.00</u>
	\$ 13,434.64

Referred to Finance Committee.

By the City Marshal

Total amount of fines assessed in Mayor's Court. \$ 99.00.

Paid in Cash \$ 143.00.

Written out 66.00.

Carried forward 10.10.

Collected on back fines

10.00.

Amount of fine collected

38.10.

Referred to Police Committee.

By the City Physician

Number of patients in Hospital Dec. 1st, 1899.	31.
" " admitted in " in Dec.	13.
" " death	01.
" patients dismissed	11.
" " remaining	21st.
" Visits to Hospital	115.
" Prescriptions	266.
" Cases of Diphtheria reported	3.
" " Scarlet fever	11.
" " Small pox	7.
Referred to Hospital Committee.	

By the City Sexton.

Total deaths during the month.

Males	17.
Females	1.
Male	3.
Female	10
Still born	2

Punishment.

Referred to Cemetery Committee.

Report of Standing Committees

Alderman. Morris for the Committee on Claims and accounts to whom was referred the petition of certain persons claiming damages for property destroyed in the fire at the temporary Capital. Presented a report stating that the Courts of the Country was the proper place for them to apply, and recommending that the petition be not granted.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

Alderman. Morris, for the Claims and Accounts Committee to whom was referred the proposition of Jas. Robertson for compromise of taxes, presented a report recommending that the proposition be not accepted.

The report was adopted.

Alderman. Durham, for the Committee on Ordinances to whom was referred an Ordinance to prescribe rules to govern the Board of Education presented a report recommending the adoption of a substitute Ordinance presented by the Committee. On motion the report was laid over to come up with the substitute Ordinance, under the head of New Business.

Unfinished business.

The mayor laid before the Council the Ordinance creating the Corporation Court.

In motion of Alderman Durham the ordinance was laid over until the next regular meeting.

The Mayor laid before the Council an Ordinance appropriating \$10,000.00 to pay for Natural Light furnished the City.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following, original message which was read.

Austin Texas. January 1st. 1900.

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen:- I have the honor to submit the following, in reference to the Ordinance appropriating \$20,000⁰⁰, now pending before the Council to make a payment on the account for water and light furnished the City for public use.

On October 1st. A.D. 1897. the Mayor laid before the Council his estimate of the receipts and expenditures on account of the general revenue for the fiscal year ending December 1898, and the tax rate necessary to meet these necessary expenditures. The amount estimated for the necessary expenses was \$96,848.²¹. To meet this estimated expense he recommended a tax of 60⁴ on the \$100. worth of property, the values being \$11,513,805. The amount from this source was estimated \$74,839.⁷⁷, to which add the receipts from license tax recorder's court and other sources estimated by the City Assessor and Collector to be \$21,875. There would be \$96,715.⁰⁰ as receipts to meet the expenditures, leaving a balance of \$871.⁹⁵. At a called meeting late November 6th. 1897 the Council adopted the tax rate at 70² instead of 60⁴ as recommended by the Mayor. On an adjournment meeting on the 23rd. of February 1898. the Council adopted the Budget, and in the budget estimated the amount to be appropriated on account of expenses of the City for the year to be \$91,967.⁷⁷. In this amount was included and made a part of it the \$20,000. that was estimated by the Mayor would be due for water and lights furnished the City for public use by the Water, Light and Power Commission, and upon which estimate the tax rate was fixed at 70².

On October 3rd. 1898. the Mayor submitted his message to the City Council giving the estimated, disbursements and receipts on account of general running expenses of the City and the amount of tax necessary to raise the general revenue to meet this estimated expense for the fiscal year ending December 1899. which expense was estimated to be \$116,917.⁵³. Included in this amount was an estimate for water and light furnished the City for the year, of \$16,000. less \$96,715.⁰⁰ which was due for water and light already furnished the City from April 1st. 1897. to November 30th. 1898. also a warrant in the hands of the City Clerk for \$3660. for water and light furnished the City for the quarter ending February 1898. and an estimated amount of \$2500 for repair of bridges over the City. To meet this expenditure he stated that the City Assessor and Collector estimated that there would be collected from license tax, recorder's court and other sources \$19,156. leaving the balance to be raised by taxation. The taxable values being Dec. 31st. 1898. that a tax of 70⁴ would yield \$96,791.⁰³. to which add the estimate of the City Assessor and Collector, and we would have estimated receipts on account of general revenue \$116,949.⁵³. to meet the estimated expenditures for the fiscal year, and leave a balance of \$1,031.⁴⁸. On November 1st. 1898 the tax rate was fixed by the Council at 70⁴ as recommended by the Mayor. On February 1st. 1899. the budget was adopted by the Council, said budget including the

\$15,000. for water and light furnished the City for public uses for the current year.

In appreciation of \$20,000. to make a payment on the amount due for water and light furnished the City is only placing the money where it belongs, as is shown by the messages of the Mayor, also the estimate upon which the tax bill was based and the placing of the items in the budget by the Council, all of which are on record in the minutes of the Council.

If, instead of making, this payment of \$20,000. the Council would appropriate the total amount due, the Water and Light Commission could not only have over this \$20,000. in addition to the \$10,000. already turned over to the interest and visiting fund, but could retire \$15,000. of the bonds and save the interest to the City.

Respectfully

Jno: D. 777th Cal.

7 Mayor.

Alderman Glass moved that the message and Ordinance be referred to the Water and Light Committee. Which motion prevailed by the following Vote: Yeas: Alderman, Denham, Glass, Morris and Mclane. 4.

Nays: Alderman, Fischer, Morris and Sternoff. 3.

The Mayor then laid before the Council an Ordinance appropriating \$2750⁰⁰ to pay interest due Jan'y 1st 1900.

The Ordinance was read the second time and a motion made to suspend the rules and place it on its third reading and final passage which was laid by the following, Vote:

Yeas: Alderman, Denham, Glass, Morris and Mclane. 4.

Nays: Alderman, Fischer, Morris and Sternoff. 3.

New business.

Alderman. Morris offered the following resolution which was read and adopted.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to retain the Clerk allowed him by a resolution on the 20th November, 1899, for a further term of thirty days or so much thereof as may be necessary, in order to call up the City Assessors & Collectors books so as to give the said Assessor and Collector his proper credit for taxes on which property was sold to the City, errors in assessments, the insolvent list and such other books as he may find correct, and report his actions for the City Council for approval.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication from the City Marshal.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin Texas
Gentlemen:-

I desire to formally prefer the following charges against W. H. Powell, Town Marshal of the City of Austin, and respectfully ask that the same be investigated, and if found to be true that Mr. Powell be removed from office.

1 - I charge the said Powell with being drunk and unfit and incapable to perform the duties of his office on the 1st day of December A.D. 1900.

9 - I charge the said Friend with being drunk and unfit and incapacitated to perform the duties of his Office on the 5th day of December A.D. 1899.

A. J. Thorpe.

City Marshal of the City of Clouston.

On motion the communication was referred to the Police Committee.

By Alderman Molen. An Ordinance to amend article 175 of the Final Amend 175 Ordinances of the City of Clouston. The ordinance was read the first Penal Code time and on motion was referred to the Committee on Sanitation & Sewering.

By Alderman Dentham. An Ordinance Ratifying and Confirming, the sale by the City of Clouston and its Board of School Trustees, of 160 acres of land out of the Goldie Matyke quarry in Bua Baba Co. Texas. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following, Vote:

Yea. Alderman. Dentham. Fischer. Glass. Morris. Mortimer. Molen & Stumpf. 7.
Nays. None. 0.

By Alderman Glass. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5⁰⁰ to pay balance due sanitary employees for the month of Dec: 99. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following, Vote:

Yea. Alderman. Dentham. Fischer. Glass. Morris. Mortimer. Molen & Stumpf. 7.
Nays. None. 0.

By Alderman Fischer. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$120⁰⁰ to pay the salaries of drivers of sled teams for the month of February, 1900. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following, Vote:

Yea. Alderman. Dentham. Fischer. Glass. Morris. Mortimer. Molen & Stumpf. 7.
Nays. None. 0.

By Alderman Glass. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$350⁰⁰ to pay the salaries of sanitary employees for the month of March, 1900.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following, Vote:

Yea. Alderman. Dentham. Fischer. Glass. Morris. Mortimer. Molen & Stumpf. 7.
Nays. None. 0.

By Alderman Stumpf. An Ordinance Appropriating, the sum of \$97⁵⁰ to pay salaries of Special Policeman for the month of Dec: 1899. The ordinance was passed under the suspension of the rules by the following, Vote:

Yea. Alderman. Dentham. Fischer. Glass. Morris. Mortimer. Molen & Stumpf. 7.
Nays. None. 0.

By Alderman Stumpf. An Ordinance appropriating \$1176⁰⁰ to pay approved accounts. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following, lot:

Yea. Alderman. Dentham. Fischer. Glass. Morris. Mortimer. Molen & Stumpf. 7.
Nays. None. 0.

By Alderman Stumpf. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$900⁰⁰ to pay salaries of Officers and employees of the City for the month of February 1900. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following, Vote:

Yas. Alderman; Dursham, Fischer, Glass, Morris, Mortimer, Nolen & Stumpf 7.
Nays. "now 0.

The Mayor laid before the Council, a Bill of the Austin Water Light and
Power Co. for water for fire hydrants, which was read and on motion
referred to the Water and light Commissioner.

The Mayor laid before the Council, a Bill of the Water and Light
Commission for water and light furnished the City which was read and
on motion referred to the Water and light Commissioner.

By Alderman, Dursham. An Ordinance to prescribe rules to govern the
Board of Equalization of the City of Austin and trials of appeals
therefrom. The Ordinance was passed under suspension of
the rules by the following Vote:

Yas. Alderman, Dursham, Fischer, Glass, Morris, Mortimer, Nolen & Stumpf. 7.
Nays. "now.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Jno. Johnson
City Clerk.